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This is the final report on NASA Grant NAG-1-1529. This grant has been supporting a PhD student in Computer Science, Michael DeLong. Mr. DeLong has now completed his dissertation and all other requirements for the PhD and will accept a postdoctoral fellowship at Los Alamos National Laboratory in February, 1997.

The research of this project concerned the investigation of the suitability of the SOR iteration as a preconditioner for the GMRES method for solving large sparse nonsymmetric systems of linear equations. Preliminary results on a serial computer (RS 6000) showed that SOR was indeed a good preconditioner, at least for the convection-diffusion equations used in this study. This was in contradiction to various statements that had appeared in the literature, questioning the suitability of SOR as a preconditioner. These experiments using a serial computer were described more completely in previous semi-annual reports as well as in [1].

The second phase of this project was to develop parallel codes for the Intel Paragon at NASA-Langley and the Center for Advanced Computing Research at Caltech, and the IBM SP-2 at NASA-Langley and NASA-Ames. Highly parallel codes were developed. Indeed, an unexpected result was the superlinear speedup in some cases due to better cache utilization as the problem sizes and number of processors increased. Preliminary results on these parallel experiments were given in [2] and final results in [3] and [4].

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